



Southwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy

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Sovereign Citizens Awareness and Responses

Presented by Dean C. Alexander

Hosted By: Southwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy

Location: TBD

Date: September 21, 2016

Time: 7:30am registration - Class 8-4:00pm (Central time)

Hotel: Tropicana 421 NW Riverside Dr. Evansville IN
800-544-0120- \$77.00 per night with Gvt ID

Students will receive 8 LETB credit hours

It is important that U.S. law enforcement is exposed to the threat of sovereign citizens and varied solutions that can be used to combat this growing homeland security challenge. The full-day, in-service, training program, *Sovereign Citizen Awareness and Law Enforcement Responses*, addresses these and related timely topics. Sovereign citizens have been characterized as anti-government extremists, and number some 300,000 in the U.S., including 100,000 deemed "hard core." Besides involvement in traditional crime and "paper terrorism," sovereigns believe that the government is illegitimate and that they are "freemen," outside the control of government. Moreover, sovereigns have increasingly participated in threats and violence against government officials, particularly law enforcement. This evolving threat merits close scrutiny.

Against this backdrop, the course will cover the following themes. Part 1 will cover topics to raise sovereign citizen awareness. Initially, sovereign citizen ideologies and why they matter to law enforcement will be covered. Then, a historical context of the sovereign citizen movement, the structure of the movement, its leaders-ideologues-gurus, their modes of radicalization and recruitment, and their implications will be shared.

Next, the issue of how does a person “benefit” by being a sovereign citizen will be covered. Then, sovereign citizen movement membership and affiliation will be highlighted. Subsequently, varied tactics and activities of sovereign citizen will be discussed. A separate section focusing on traffic stops involving sovereign citizens will be noted. In turn, sovereign citizen threats against law enforcement and government officials will be elaborated.

The second half will address law enforcement and other responses to sovereign citizen threats. Finding sovereigns and detecting their behaviors and activities, officer safety issues and interacting with sovereigns safely, dealing with “paper terrorism,” undermining sovereign criminal actions, leveraging traditional police actions and community efforts, and other tools will be covered.

The program will include a handout on the course, PowerPoint presentations, and discussions on the various topics, multimedia materials, scenarios, as well as question and answer sessions. The presenter of the program is Dean C. Alexander, Professor and Director, Homeland Security Research Program at Western Illinois University. Prof. Alexander, who lectures on counterterrorism issues to law enforcement and military in the U.S. and abroad, has published three books on terrorism, including The Islamic State: Combating the Caliphate Without Borders (Lexington Books, 2015), and articles on sovereigns in *Illinois Cops* and *Security Magazine*.

COURSE FEE: \$100.00 Per Person

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